

(5:21CV1537)

If any suit or proceeding be brought in any of the courts of the United States upon any issue referable to arbitration under an agreement in writing for such arbitration, the court in which such suit is pending, upon being satisfied that the issue involved in such suit or proceeding is referable to arbitration under such an agreement, *shall on application of one of the parties stay the trial of the action until such arbitration has been had* in accordance with the terms of the agreement, providing the applicant for the stay is not in default in proceeding with such arbitration.

[9 U.S.C. § 3](#) (emphasis added); *see also Fazio v. Lehman Bros., Inc.*, 340 F.3d 386, 392 (6th Cir. [2003](#)) (a court should stay the proceedings pending the outcome of arbitration). The Supreme Court has stated that by ratifying the FAA, “Congress declared a national policy favoring arbitration.” [Southland Corp. v. Keating](#), 465 U.S. 1, 10 (1984).

The parties’ Stipulation for Stay of Proceedings Pending the Parties’ Alternative Dispute Resolution Process ([ECF No. 7](#)) is hereby approved. Within fourteen days of completion of the mediation and/or arbitration proceedings, the parties shall file a Joint Status Report informing the Court of the outcome of the mediation and, if necessary, the AAA Award and the effect of the arbitration upon the claims in the case. This case is administratively closed, subject to reopening upon written motion. No claims or defenses are waived as a result of the stay. A written motion to reopen, preferably joint, shall set forth a proposed schedule for the case going forward.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

September 22, 2021
Date

/s/ Benita Y. Pearson
Benita Y. Pearson
United States District Judge